

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 14595.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1547, as introduced, Simitian. Recycling: beverage containers: enforcement.

The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act requires a distributor of specified beverage containers to pay a redemption payment to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, for each beverage container, as defined, sold or transferred. Existing law prohibits any person from paying, claiming, or receiving any refund value, processing payment, handling fee, or administrative fee for imported beverage container material, previously redeemed containers, rejected containers, line breakage, or other ineligible material. Existing law also prohibits any person from redeeming or attempting to redeem those containers or materials, returning previously redeemed containers to the marketplace for redemption, or bringing those containers or materials to the marketplace for redemption, as specified.

Existing law provides that, for purposes of implementing those provisions, the department shall take all reasonable steps to exclude those items, when conducting surveys to determine a commingled rate for payment on beverage containers.

This bill would also require the department, when conducting those surveys, to exclude other ineligible material.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14595.5 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

14595.5. (a) (1) No person shall pay, claim, or receive any refund value, processing payment, handling fee, or administrative fee for any of the following:

(A) Beverage container material that the person knew, or should have known, was imported from out of state.

(B) A previously redeemed container, rejected container, line breakage, or other ineligible material.

(2) No person shall, with intent to defraud, do any of the following:

(A) Redeem or attempt to redeem an out-of-state container, rejected container, line breakage, previously redeemed container, or other ineligible material.

(B) Return a previously redeemed container to the marketplace for redemption.

(C) Bring an out-of-state container, rejected container, line breakage, or other ineligible material to the marketplace for redemption.

(D) Receive, store, transport, distribute, or otherwise facilitate or aid in the redemption of a previously redeemed container, out-of-state container, rejected container, line breakage, or other ineligible material.

(b) For purposes of implementing subdivision (a), the department shall take all reasonable steps to exclude beverage container material imported from out of state, previously redeemed containers, rejected containers, ~~and~~ line breakage, *and other ineligible material*, when conducting surveys to determine a commingled rate pursuant to Section 14549.5.